*A.*—(*a*) The total strength of the additional police is 2 Inspectors, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Sergeants, 20 head constables and 200 constables.

(*b*) The approximate total cost of the additional police including the clerical staff is Rs. 71,500 for six months, the period for which the force has been sanctioned.

(*c*) The Government have no precise information.

(*d*) The Government have decided not to recover the cost of the force from any of the inhabitants.

*Proportion of non-Brahmans in Public Service.*

1378 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state how the extension of the principle in Board's Standing Order No. 128 (2), accepted by the Government in connexion with the resolution moved by Mr. Tanikachala Chetti at the meeting of the Council held in August last, is proposed to be given effect to amongst the gazetted officers in the different departments of the Secretariat and in the office of the Board of Revenue ?

*A.*—The question is under consideration.

*Persons from the mufassal willing to come to the Secretariat or other offices in the City of Madras.*

1379 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(i) whether, with reference to G.O. No. 613, Public, dated 16th September 1921, he proposes to call for information as to the number of

(1) non-Brahman Hindus,
(2) Indian Christians, and
(3) Muhammadans,

in the mufassal offices who are willing and eligible to be employed in the Secretariat or other offices in the Madras City ; and

(ii) if information has already been called for and obtained, whether he will place it on the table ?

*A.*—The point on which the hon. Member desires information has no immediate connexion with G.O. No. 613, Public, dated 16th September 1921.

The Government are collecting information with regard to non-Brahman Hindus, Indian Christians and Muhammadans suitable for drafting into the Secretariat from mufassal offices, but cannot lay such papers on the table.

*First-class special stipendiary magistrates.*

1380 *Q.*—Mr P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have hitherto taken to introduce the scheme of appointing special stipendiary magistrates of the first class and of divesting the present revenue divisional officers of their magisterial functions ?

*A.*—The Government have sanctioned as an experimental measure the appointment of one stipendiary first-class magistrate in each of the districts of Coimbatore and Ramnad to try criminal cases exclusively.